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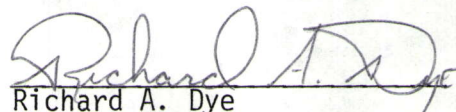
Dear Mr. Suchoski:

At the present time Atlas Minerals' reclamation department is actively pursuing two alternatives toward the implementation of a revegetation test plot program. I have met with representatives from Utah State University's College of Agriculture. They are now preparing a proposal for their participation in the test program. I am also exploring the possibility of hiring a biologist or someone with similar training to help design and oversee a test program as well as undertake other reclamation activities.

Essentially, Atlas Minerals is in the process of getting a test plot program underway. I would hope that this intent and activity will be sufficient to allow us to finalize those permits still outstanding on this point.

Whichever course taken I would intend to keep the division updated as to the program and its progress as it proceeds. If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,


Richard A. Dye
Reclamation Engineer

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